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OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

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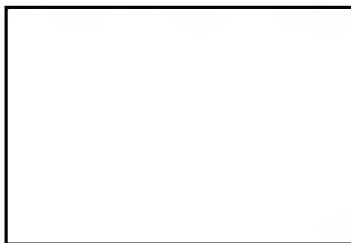
1450, 25 April 1949, [redacted] Washington, D. C.

Present: Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman
 Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State
 Mr. Reuben Peiss, Department of State
 Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army
 Capt. D. S. Rush, Department of Air
 Lt. Cdr. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy
 Mr. Bernard M. Fry, AEC

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Consultants from FDB in attendance were as follows:

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USSR Newspapers

Cdr. Illing presented a list of newspapers received by Navy and not included in the master list. They were added to the Committee's master list. These additions are only received spasmodically and are not exploited. They will be loaned to FDB for exploitation on receipt in the future.

Mr. Nordbeck, Capt. Rush, Mr. Fry and Mr. Georgevitch reported no addition.

A discussion on the possibilities of a centralization of overseas collection of foreign publications, similar to the inter-agency agreement on Yugoslavia, resulted in a determination to study the problem for future consideration.

USSR Periodicals

Cdr. Illing presented the list of periodicals received by Navy in addition to those previously. These were added to the master list. As in the case of newspapers these are received spasmodically and are not exploited. They will be loaned to FDB as received for exploitation and return.

One periodical was added by Mr. Georgevitch. This is exploited by ID and copies of the extracted material will be furnished FDB.

Mr. Nordbeck and Mr. Fry had no additions for the master list.

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Capt. Rush reported the receipt of *Vestnik Vodushnogo Flota* by Air. It is exploited only for matters of interest to Air Force. At the request of Mr. Nordbeck and Mr. Georgevitch it was agreed that PDB should cover the periodical for the interests of other agencies than Air.

Duplication

A review of duplication of exploitation effort disclosed:

1. "National Defense Review" is covering some periodicals already exploited by PDB in "Periodical Abstracts" and [] Information Reports. 25X1A The Committee was asked whether the coverage of "National Defense Review" was adequate for their needs and the answer was in the negative.

It was decided that PDB coverage was adequate and a sub-committee appointed by the Chair to present the facts to [], looking toward a "working level" agreement which would eliminate the duplication. The sub-committee also to study the dissemination of both publications to determine whether the recipients can be served by one source. Mr. Georgevitch and Mr. Nordbeck were appointed as the sub-committee for this purpose. 25X1A

2. AEC's "Brookhaven Guide" appears to duplicate some of the exploitation now being covered in PDB's Periodical Abstracts. Mr. Fry will investigate this and report at the next meeting when the Committee will determine what should be done further to eliminate the duplication.

3. "Air Studies Division." The original mission of this unit was to cover available material in the Library of Congress of interest to Air Force and published prior to 1948. Mr. Nordbeck stated that Department of State had been approached with a view toward furnishing them newspapers and periodicals of 1948-49. Some of their finished material has been from 1948 material. Capt. Rush will investigate this situation and report at the next meeting for Committee consideration.

The Committee decided that in all cases of duplication it must determine which can be used best for full coverage needed by IAC Agencies and recommend discontinuance of the lesser service so energies might be expended for more pertinent results.

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[] with the decision that the next meeting shall be held at []
[] at 14⁰⁰, 2 May 1949, the meeting adjourned at 16⁰⁰.

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